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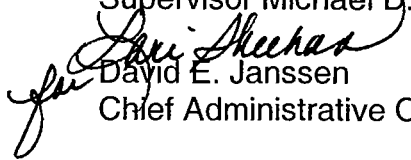
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## SACRAMENTO UPDATE

### Pursuit of County Position on Legislation

**AB 2454 (Strickland and Levine)**, as amended on August 23, 2004, would prohibit the Secretary of State, on and after January 1, 2005, from approving a direct-recording electronic voting system that does not include an accessible voter-verified paper audit trail, and prohibit, on and after January 1, 2006, a city or county from contracting for, or purchasing a direct-recording electronic voting system that does not include an accessible voter-verified paper audit trail. In addition, the bill would require that, all direct-recording electronic voting machines in use on January 1, 2006, regardless of when contracted for or federally qualified, include an accessible voter-verified paper audit trail.

The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk recommends that the County oppose AB 2454, and we concur. Opposition to this measure is consistent with Board action of April 27, 2004 to oppose SB 1438 (Johnson and Perata), a similar bill. **Therefore, our Sacramento advocates will oppose AB 2454.** This measure is currently pending a vote on the Senate Floor. The bill is supported by the Secretary of State. It is opposed by the Asian Pacific American Legal Center, California Association of Clerks and Election Officials, Mexican-American Legal Defense Fund, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, the Urban Counties Caucus, and others.

### **Status of County-Interest Legislation**

**County-opposed AB 1324 (Steinberg)**, which would provide medical benefits under workers' compensation for dependents of law enforcement or firefighting employees who contract a blood borne disease from exposure to the employee, passed the Assembly on August 23, 2004 by a vote of 47 to 20. The bill now proceeds to the Governor.

**County-opposed AB 1896 (Horton)**, which would affect the Agricultural Commissioner's contracts with the State for insect detection services by requiring the County to make Agricultural Inspector Aides, for whom there is year-round work, permanent employees, was amended on August 23, 2004. The amended version of the bill partially resolves the Agricultural Commissioner's primary concerns by restoring \$380,000 of \$550,000 in funding for the Fiscal Year 2004-05 budget that was vetoed by the Governor. However, the bill continues to contain provisions which would require the County, as a condition of contracting with the State, to make additional workers permanent in subsequent fiscal years, without an assurance of continued funding.

The recent amendments to AB 1896 are the result of negotiations over the past several months among the author, labor representatives, the Agricultural Commissioner, our Sacramento advocates, and the California Department of Food and Agriculture to remedy problems with the measure. Based on the Agricultural Commissioner's assessment of the positive movement in the negotiations that have resulted in funding being included in the bill, **our Sacramento Advocates will now take a neutral position on AB 1896, while noting continuing concerns about the need for ongoing funding in subsequent fiscal years.** The bill is pending consideration on the Senate Floor.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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